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In re application of: Tetsuya **ATSUMI** et al.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of  
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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In order to comply with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents listed thereon.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration

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Since some of the documents were known to the applicant for more than three months before the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, the statutory fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in connection with this Petition or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

A concise explanation of the relevance of the foreign language documents as required by 37 CFR 1.98 is attached. On information and belief, this concise explanation is from the point of view of that person identified in 37 CFR 1.56 who is most familiar with the subject matter.

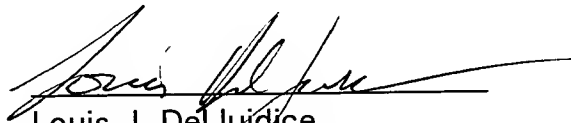
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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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